

July 2, 2004

The Honorable Michael Powell Chairman FCC 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: WT Docket # 02-55 (800 MHz Interference)

Chairman Powell,

Recent attempts to derail public safety's opportunity to gain clear and reliable communications through adoption of the Consensus Plan can only be described as shameful. This is not about stock prices or competitive advantage; it's about saving lives and doing so safely.

More than 1,000 public safety organizations, agencies and officials support the Consensus Plan because it solves the interference problem and meets our growing needs. It's as simple as that.

We are charged with the duty of protecting the nation, and now we ask for your help in providing the tools necessary to do so. We need the Consensus Plan.

Please do not let unrelated matters distract you from the real issue here. Help public safety by implementing the Consensus Plan.

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